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SUB: CVP DRAFT RESOLUTION ON PEACE AND SECURITY.

1. EMBASSY HAS RECEIVED FLEMISH TEXT OF PROPOSED RESOLUTION FOR CVP CONGRESS OCTOBER 27-28, OF WHICH INTERNATIONAL AFFAIRS SECTION INCLUDES SECTION ON "PEACE AND SECURITY". INFORMAL TRANSLATION IS PROVIDED BELOW. EMBASSY DOES NOT BELIEVE IT WOULD BE USEFUL TO DISCUSS RESOLUTION AS SUCH WITH FONMIN VAN ELSLANDE, WHOM WE UNDERSTAND TO BE EXTREMELY DISSATISFIED WITH IT, BUT BELIEVES IT INDICATES PROBLEM VAN ELSLANDE FACES NOT ONLY IN HIS OWN PARTY BUT WITH BELGIANS GENERALLY WITH RESPECT TO MAINTAINING TRADITIONAL BELGIAN POSITION ON SECURITY-RELATED ISSUES. EMBASSY NOTES THAT TEXT OF DRAFT RESOLUTION REPRESENTS MELANGE OF TRADITIONAL CVP POSITIONS, WHICH COINCIDE WITH THOSE OF GOB, AND IDEAS BEING GENERATED WITHIN LEFTIST-PACIFIST WING OF CVP, SOME MEMBERS OF WHICH HAVE ACTIVELY PROMOTED ACTIVITIES OF PEOPLES CONGRESS ON EUROPEAN SECURITY. HEATED DEBATE AT CONGRESS IS EXPECTED TO RESULT IN SUBSTANTIAL REVISION BEFORE ADOPTION.

2. BEGIN TEXT OF RESOLUTION:

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A. WESTERN EUROPE CANNOT GUARANTEE IT S OWN SECURITY.
FOR THIS, BELGIUM MUST DEPEND ON THE ATLANTIC DEFENSE
SYSTEM. ISSUES OF SECURITY AND PEACE MUST FIRST BE DIS-
CUSSED WITH OUR EUROPEAN PARTNERS.

B. MAINTAINING OUR NATO COMMITMENTS INCLUDES ALSO THAT:

--NATO MUST BE A DEFENSE ORGANIZATION OF COUNTRIES
THAT RESPECT DEMOCRATIC PRINCIPLES, PERSONAL
FREEDOM, AND PUBLIC ORDER;

--NATO MUST ADVOCATE ARMS CONTROL AND FORCE
REDUCTIONS;

--THE MANUFACTURE OF ARMS MUST BE INTEGRATED AT THE
EUROPEAN LEVEL AND MANUFACTURE BE SOLELY FOR THE
NEEDS OF THE DEFENSE TREATY.

C. THE CVP REJECTS THE CONCEPT OF AN INDEPENDENT EUROPEAN
NUCLEAR POWER.

D. THE PROMOTION OF POLITICAL, ECONOMIC, TECHNICAL AND
CULTURAL CONTEXT AND THE FREE MOVEMENT OF PERSONS AND IDEAS
BETWEEN THE EAST AND THE WEST MUST LESSEN MUTUAL DISTRUST.
IN THIS NEW ATMOSPHERE THE CREATION OF DELIBERATIVE
STRUCTURES COULD BE CONSIDERED.

E. THE UNITED NATIONS IS THE PRINCIPAL INSTRUMENT FOR
ACHIEVING A WORLD WIDE SECURITY SYSTEM. THIS ORGANIZATION
MUST BE GIVEN MORE OF A PROBLEM-SOLVING ROLE AND MUST
BE EQUIPPED WITH MORE EFFECTIVE MEANS. FOR THIS PURPOSE,
BELGIUM WILL PLACE AT THE DISPOSAL OF THE UNITED NATIONS
SPECIAL MILITARY UNITS FOR PEACE-KEEPING OPERATIONS.
FURTHER DEVELOPMENT AND IMPROVEMENT OF REGIONAL AGREEMENTS
UNDER THE UNITED NATIONS AS EXPRESSED IN CHAPTER VIII OF THE
UN CHARTER IS IMPORTANT ELEMENT IN THE EVOLUTION TOWARD
A WORLD COMMUNITY.

F. WITHIN THE FRAMEWORK OF ITS STRATEGY FOR PEACE, BELGIUM,
IN COOPERATION WITH OTHER SMALL COUNTRIES, WILL CONTRIBUTE
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ACTIVELY TO THE CREATION OF AN INTERNATIONAL SITUATION LEADING
TO COMPLETE DISARMAMENT AND DISSOLUTION OF MILITARY PACTS.
THE OBJECTIVE OF THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITY COUNTRIES MUST
BE THE CREATION OF A PEACEFUL EUROPEAN WORLD OF POWER AND
NOT A THIRD MILITARY WORLD OF POWER. END OF TEXT
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